



## **2008 Broad Prize Review Board**

### **Russlynn Ali**

**Vice President, Education Trust**

**Founding Director, Education Trust-West**

Russlynn Ali is the vice president of Education Trust and founding director of the Education Trust-West, two organizations that work for the high academic achievement of all students at all levels, with an emphasis on serving Latino, African-American, Native American and low-income students. Ali has held senior positions at various organizations serving youth education, including liaison to the president of the Children's Defense Fund, chief of staff to the Los Angeles Unified School District board of education president and deputy co-director of the Advancement Project. Ali practiced corporate and civil rights law and served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Southern California School of Law prior to her non-profit advocacy career.

### **Anne L. Bryant**

**Executive Director, National School Boards Association**

Anne L. Bryant is the executive director of the National School Boards Association, a national federation of state school board associations. Bryant also is on the board of trustees at Simmons College and was the Association Trends Executive of the Year in 2005.

### **Carl A. Cohn**

**Distinguished Leader in Residence, College of Education, San Diego State University**

**Former Superintendent, San Diego Unified School District**

**Former Superintendent, Long Beach Unified School District, Calif.**

Carl A. Cohn is distinguished leader-in-residence at the College of Education at San Diego State University. Most recently, he served as superintendent of schools in the San Diego Unified School District. Prior to that assignment, he worked as clinical professor at the University of Southern California and as federal court monitor for the special education consent decree in the Los Angeles school system. From 1992-2002, he was superintendent of the Long Beach Unified School District.

**Christopher Cross**

**Founder, Cross & Joftus**

**Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Education**

Christopher Cross formed Cross & Joftus, LLC in 2004 to provide education leaders with personalized and expert assistance in policy analysis and development, evaluation, executive coaching, planning and communication strategies. Cross is a former senior fellow with the Center on Education Policy and with the Education Commission of the States. Previously, he served as president and CEO of the Council for Basic Education, and as an assistant secretary of education under President George H.W. Bush.

**Jo Lynne DeMary**

**Former Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of Virginia**

Jo Lynne DeMary is Virginia's former superintendent of public instruction and currently serves as director of the Center for School Improvement at Virginia Commonwealth University. With more than 35 years of experience in public education, DeMary has served as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, elementary school supervisor, director of special education and assistant superintendent of public schools.

**Charles Desmond**

**Executive Vice President, Trefler Foundation**

Charles Desmond is the executive vice president of the Massachusetts-based Trefler Foundation and serves on the steering committee of Urban Serving Universities, a national network of 19 urban universities. He previously served as associate chancellor at the University of Massachusetts.

**Dan Goldhaber**

**Research Associate Professor, University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs**

**Affiliated Scholar, Urban Institute's Education Policy Center**

**Senior Non-resident Fellow, Education Sector**

Dan Goldhaber is a research associate professor at the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Affairs, as well as an affiliated scholar of the Urban Institute's Education Policy Center and a senior non-resident fellow of Education Sector. Goldhaber is founder and CEO of MATCH School and previously served as an elected member of the Alexandria City School Board from 1997 to 2002.

**Jane Hannaway**

**Founding Director, Education Policy Center, Urban Institute**

Jane Hannaway is founding director of the Education Policy Center at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. She is also the director of a new federally funded research center, Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research (CALDER), focused on analyses of state longitudinal student and teacher level administrative data bases, particularly analyses associated with teacher labor markets. Hannaway previously served on the faculty of Columbia, Princeton and Stanford universities.

**Eric Hanushek**

**Paul and Jean Hanna Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution of Stanford University**

Eric Hanushek is the Paul and Jean Hanna Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University. Hanushek is also chairman of the executive committee for the Texas Schools Project at the University of Texas at Dallas, a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, and a board member of the National Board for Education Sciences.

**Frederick Hess**

**Director of Education Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute**

Frederick Hess is director of education policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute and the author of several books on education reform. Hess is also executive editor of *Education Next*, a journal of research and opinion on education policy published by the Hoover Institution.

**Paul Hill**

**John and Marguerite Corbally Professor, University of Washington**

**Director, Center on Reinventing Public Education**

Paul Hill is the John and Marguerite Corbally Professor at the University of Washington and director of the Center on Reinventing Public Education, which studies alternative governance and finance systems for public K-12 education. He is a non-resident senior fellow at the Brookings and Hoover Institutions and directed the National Working Commission on Choice in K-12 Education. Hill is also chair of the National Charter School Research Project and leads its Charter School Achievement Consensus Panel, which authored the influential white paper, *Key Issues in Studying Charter Schools and Achievement: A Review and Suggestions for National Guidelines* (May 2006).

**Phyllis Hunter**

**Education Consultant**

Phyllis Hunter is an education consultant in Houston and is working on the Texas Statewide Reading Initiative. She is also a literacy consultant to President George W. Bush and has served as an administrator in the Houston Independent School District, where she managed the district's reading department.

**Wendy Kopp**

**President and Founder, Teach For America**

Wendy Kopp is president and founder of Teach For America, a national corps of outstanding recent college graduates who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools. Kopp proposed Teach For America in her undergraduate senior thesis at Princeton University in 1989 and has spent the last 19 years working to sustain and grow the organization. She also serves on the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

**Alexander Kress**

**Attorney, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer Feld & LLP**

Alexander Kress is an attorney at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer Feld & LLP in Austin, Texas, focusing on public law and policy at the state and national levels and is an education advisor to President George W. Bush. He previously served as president of the board of trustees of the Dallas Independent School District.

**Thomas W. Payzant**

**Senior Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education**

**Former Superintendent, Boston Public Schools**

Thomas W. Payzant is a senior lecturer on education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. From 1995 to 2006, he served as superintendent of Boston Public Schools, which won The Broad Prize in 2006 after being a finalist for four years. Before Boston, he was superintendent of San Diego Unified School District for 11 years, superintendent of Oklahoma City Public Schools for three years and superintendent of the Eugene Public Schools in Oregon for five years. In addition, Payzant served as President Bill Clinton's assistant secretary for elementary and secondary education from 1993 to 1995.

**Wendy Puriefoy**

**President, Public Education Network**

Wendy Puriefoy is president of the Public Education Network (PEN), the nation's largest network of community-based public school reform organizations. As president of PEN, Puriefoy has implemented and advocated for strengthening public engagement, including increased parental involvement, that leads to increased academic achievement among poor and disadvantaged children. Puriefoy became involved in school reform when she served as a special monitor of the court-ordered Boston public school desegregation plan.

**Andrew Rotherham**

**Co-founder and Co-director, Education Sector**

Andrew Rotherham is co-founder and co-director of Education Sector, an independent national education policy think tank. In 1998, Rotherham launched the 21st Century Schools Project at the Progressive Policy Institute, which he directed until 2005, and focused on improving teacher quality, public school choice, special education, and modernizing the federal role in education. Rotherham previously served as special assistant to the president for domestic policy during the Clinton Administration.

**Roger Sampson**

**President, Education Commission of the States**

Roger Sampson is president of the Education Commission of the States, a non-partisan organization that brings together key leaders-governors, legislators, chief state school officers, higher education officials, business leaders and others to work together to improve education. Prior to that, Sampson was commissioner of the Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development. Sampson has served in a variety of roles and positions in public schools, including school administrator in both rural and urban Alaska.

**John Simpson**

**Director, Stupski Foundation District Alliance Program**

**Former Superintendent, Norfolk Public Schools, Va.**

John Simpson is director of the Stupski Foundation's District Alliance Program. He was superintendent of Norfolk Public Schools in Virginia from 1998 until 2005, when the district won The Broad Prize. Previously, he served as the superintendent of schools in Ann Arbor, Mich. for five years and as superintendent of schools in the North Chicago area.

The following education leaders serve on The Broad Prize Review Board, but did not participate in the selection of the 2008 Broad Prize finalists:

- Barbara Byrd Bennett  
Executive Superintendent in Residence, Cleveland State University  
Former Chief Executive Officer, Cleveland Metropolitan School District
- Antonia Hernandez  
President & CEO, California Community Foundation
- Gene Wilhoit  
Executive Director, Council of Chief State School Officers